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Keep them coming! The total of JARS/gifts received so far is **61**. The total to date is **£3,540** (including Gift Aid tax re-funds to come) so we have passed last year's final total of £3,531 from 73 Jars/gifts. Every penny raised is shared between the work we support in Luweero and Tearfund's Children at Risk programme. So, if you have a Jar of Grace still sitting at home, please bring it back so that it is included in the 2017 total. We will close the 2017 Jar of Grace Appeal on 21st February 2018 and announce the final total in the bulletin on 28th February 2018.. If you haven't used a Jar of Grace this time, you can donate by putting your gift in an envelope marked '**JAR OF GRACE**' and give it to our Treasurer, Andrew, or to one of the Churchwardens. **Cheques should be made payable to 'PCC of St. John's, Haydon Wick'**. Alternatively, you can transfer your donation straight into the St. John's bank account. For further details, please contact Andrew on 725526 or e-mail him on andrew-jeandean@ntlworld.com **Through your generosity we can still reach our target of £4,000!**

Oldi Morava: Things have changed rather dramatically for Oldi. Many of you will remember that all he, too, has been considering ordination. He had successfully come through his BAP, (Bishop's Advisory Panel) and was considering beginning his training in September 2018.

However, it seems that God has other plans. Oldi had been working with Bible Society for some years, translating the Bible from Hebrew into Albanian in order to produce an accurate modern translation. That task came to an end last year, when he was invited to do another kind of job for Bible Society first on a temporary basis—and then permanently. Oldi will be telling us soon what the job involves, in addition to a great deal of world travel.

In view of this new opening in his life, he decided that the time was not right for him to move forward to ordination.

What does the future hold? The long-term future is always hidden from us. But, in the foreseeable future Oldi will be working at Bible Society in Swindon. We will be interviewing him over the next couple of weeks, in order to learn more about his exciting role, and to pray for him in it.

Prayer Meeting The next church Prayer Meeting will be **held in church on Tuesday 6th February 2018, from 8pm to 9pm**, and will be led by the Furlong Close home group. **Please put this in your diary now so that as many of us as possible can come together to pray.**

Teresa Townsend is preaching this morning. Teresa is with us for a little over a month as part of the ongoing preparation for her ordination in June. Teresa spent Monday morning in Pram Club this week. We may hear a little about that during the service.

Service of Prayer for the Week of Christian Unity: At this time of year, our local churches get together for a service of prayer. It reminds us, that we are in ministry together. A number of different churches continue their work and witness throughout the year. This year, it will take place on **Sunday, January 21 at 6:30 PM at St Andrews, North Swindon**. Sally will be leading the service and Raymond will be preaching. It will be attended by members of:

- St Andrews North Swindon
- St John's Haydon Wick
- St Mary's, Rodbourne Cheney
- Emmanuel URC
- Christ the servant, Abbey Meads
- Rodbourne Cheney Baptist Church.

Do come and join us!



Double Whammy! Last week, we announced some news that could hardly be called a secret. The lounge floor has started to sink downwards. That had become obvious to everybody who went in there. Gareth Morris has kindly taken on responsibility for this particular project. We thank him for that and it is good to know that it is in safe hands. This is certain to be an extremely expensive affair. Examinations have not yet revealed the exact cause of the problem. We do know that it is not the drains.

On top of that, we have had the unwelcome news that one of two boilers has died. Just as we were enjoying the wonderful warmth produced by the two recently serviced boilers, one has ceased to function and needs to be replaced. I need not tell you that this is going to be another expensive operation. Fortunately, we have a treasurer who plans for such eventualities. So we're not going to get cold. Nevertheless, the costs associated with the subsidence in the Lounge and the replacement of the boiler are going to make 2018 the most expensive year for repairs in the history of the church.

Two Communion Tables: When it comes to making decisions that affect people in worship, we like to take things steadily. Many of you will remember the many years we spent on the issue of clergy wearing robes. But we felt it was important to hear what people wanted to say. And the same applies to the table. That's why PCC has issued the paper questionnaire, which many of you picked up in church last week. We are also sending an electronic version out with this bulletin. Even if you don't feel strongly on the issue, and honestly don't mind which table we have, we would love to hear from you. You may sign the form if you would like to, but it is not required.

Please Pray for: Teresa Townsend as she prepares for her ordination in June. She has a lot of demanding training yet to fit in, alongside her role as a teacher and is eminently qualified to speak on stress. **Oldi Morava**, whose new job with Bible Society takes him all over the world visiting Bible Societies abroad. Pray for Oldi and Lara and this unexpected new direction in their lives. **Doris**, whose eyesight has been causing problems in recent weeks; **Mary Smith** as she waits for her long delayed shoulder operation; **Delroy King** who continues to recover steadily from the effects of his hip replacement surgery of a few months ago; **Brenda Langham** who is receiving end of life care.

Mon 15th	9.30am 2.00pm 7.30pm	Pram Club Homegroup in Quiet Room FF&G Meeting in Quiet Room
Tues 16th	8.00pm	Homegroup 20 Furlong Close Homegroup 27 Garraways, Wootton Bassett
Wed 17th	1.00-3.00pm 3pm 7.30pm	Craft Club in Church Room Holy Communion at James Wilks House Homegroup 17 Rother Close
Fri 19th	10.30-1.30pm	Rock Café

Please pray for our church family

Mon 15th	Simon & Yu-Ling Goh & Amelia
Tue 16th	Colin & Lynda Gough
Wed 17th	Jane & Katie Gould
Thurs 18th	Richard & Pauline Gray & family
Fri 19th	Peter & Caroline Haines & family
Sat 20th	Andy & Carol Hall
Sun 21st	Tersia Hall & family



There will be a service of Holy Communion at James Wilks House on Wednesday 17th January at 3pm. All welcome.

Services Next Week

Sunday 21st Jan	9am 11am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Raymond Adams Raymond Adams
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Parish Office Email: parishoffice@stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk or Telephone 726000. All items for the bulletin to the office in writing by first thing on Wednesday. Thank you.

St John's Haydon Wick

Sunday, January 14th 2018

Epiphany 2



"Will 2018 be different? Stress"

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Holy Communion 1662	Teresa Townsend	Psalm 62 Matthew 11:28-30
11.00am	Morning Praise	Teresa Townsend	Psalm 62 Matthew 11:28-30